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I believe that the proposed settlement is a mistake. Microsoft will still have a complete monopoly, and an effective statement from the judiciary of State and Federal government that this is a blessed monopoly. Most likely, they will continue to use their abusive tactics and monopolistic market position to quash the rest of the field

My best analogy to this; A state highway department decides to manufacture tires. They then change the surface of the roads to conform to their tire surface, however, non-compliant tires wear twice as fast. As an added bonus, they change the surface of the road and the tires, every two years to keep sales up. (I know it is a far fetched analogy, however, the effect is pronounced).

I think that the Software business and the Operating System business should be seperated, and the Software business should be just as restricted in access as third party software manufacturers are.

Note: This is my opinion alone. This does not reflect upon the opinion of my company, its management or my peers.